(c) Development of National Ex pressway network is estimated to cost around $25 billion. Pending amend ment of NH Act, it is too early to indicate the quantum of foreign in. vestments likely to flow during 1995-96.

(d) Yes, Sir. World Bank have offered comments on the draft Policy paperl and suggested that lndia should start small with bridges and urban bypasses and expressways of demonstrably high priority in the beginning.

महत्वपूर्ण शहरों को एक्सप्रेस मार्गों से जोड़ने की योजना

577. श्री आस मोहम्मद : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने देश के महत्व-पूर्ण शहरों को एक्सप्रेस मार्गों से जोड़ने की कोई योजना बनाई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार इसको कब तक लागू करने का विचार रखती है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर (क) से (ग) सरकार ने महत्वपूर्ण शहरों को एक्सप्रैस मार्गों के माध्यम से आपस में जोड़ने के बारे में अभी तक कोई योजना तैयार नहीं की है। तथापि, सरकार ने कतिपय मार्गों का पता लगाया है जिन्हें एक्सप्रैस मार्गों के समान विकसित किया जाना है। आवश्यकता के अनुसार वर्ष 2015 तक 10,000 कि.मी. एक्सप्रैस मार्गों को चरणबद्ध रूप में विकसित किया जाना है।

Acquisition of land for Development of National Highways

578. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAP-PA; Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new National Highways or extension of the existing National Highways on which work was taken up during the last one year, State-wise;

(b) the land acquired for the above purpose; and

(c) the cost of acquisition of land and of extension of the highway de velopment works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYT-LER): (a) to (c) No new work was taken up and no land acqusition has been sanctioned during the last one year for new National Highways or extension of the existing National Highways declared during the eighth Fiv-3 Year Plan.

Conversion of petrol ambassador ears into diesel cars

579. DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that conversion of Petrol driven Ambassador cars into Diesel cars is not allowed;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this:

(c) when will this prohibition be lifted and conversion of petrol driven Ambassador cars into diesel cars allowed:

(d) whether it is a fact that, such conversion is not allowed only because of pressure from a particular manufacturers lobby; and

(e) whether Government are aware that thousands of petrol cars are con verted into diesel cars every year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OH THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRl JAGDISH TYT-LER); (a) No, Sir. As stipulated in